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POLLOCK ON MAINE COAST.

To the relief of all the fishermen, the pollock have at last hit the Maine coast, though not yet in quantities large enough to crow about. Capt. Clarence Turner in the Portland sch. Marion Turner is the first of the skippers to get any of the fish. He landed about 2000 while off Matineus last Saturday and took them into a port to the eastward.

It was to be expected that Capt. Turner would catch pollock if any one could. He has the reputation of never having had a broken trip and he seems to be living up to it.

Now that the pollock have appeared, several of the other craft that have been waiting for their coming will get after them. The steamer Pet which has been at Boothbay has already set out and the Elthier will follow while netters and seiners on all sides will be on the look-out.

Three of the Portland vessels which are fitting for off shore fishing are nearly ready. The Angie B. Watson will leave for halibuting in command of Capt. J. Andrew Doggett. The masts of the Mary E. Sennett have been scraped and a new mainmast set. The masts of the Bernie and Bessie, the only local netter to go South after mackerel, have also been scraped while she has been lying at Long wharf.

Among the Portland netters now here fitting to go after fish, is the sloop Quero of Bristol which is tied up at Central wharf.

News of the Sealers.

Reports that the Newfoundland sealing expedition this season will not be nearly so successful as in former years were strengthened Monday at St. John's, by the arrival of additional steamers of the fleet. The steamer Stephano, flagship of the fleet, had a cargo of 12,000 seals. The only ship that carried a full load was the Beothic which held 34,000 seals. The Nascopic with 15,000 seals aboard, and the Adventure bearing 20,000, have also returned. There are prospects of slight improvement in the catch by vessels that have not yet returned there.

Long in Building.

The Shelburne public wharf is slowly dragging on its weary way toward completion. It has been lying five months almost unconscious and the few surviving friends and relatives fear the senile decay will set in before it reaches full grown strength. The fishing sch. Fannie Prescott tied up to the wharf last Friday having put in for refuge. Capt. Robbins says that as a monument for a graveyard the wharf is all right, but it gives a very sad impression to a live man.—Coast-Guard.

New Hatchery at Palmer.

Work has already been begun on the fish hatchery at Palmer and a temporary building has been erected in which 200,000 brook and brown trout eggs will be hatched during April, beside white and pike perch. The commission will also raise black bass and pounds are to be constructed below the trout pools for breeding and rearing. The pounds will be 100 feet square and should be capable of rearing, 1,000,000 fingerlings.

Value of Seals.

The value of seals taken in the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, between 1868 and 1903, was \$35,000,000. These figures do not include the value of the pelagic seal catch. The revenue to the United States on fur seals from 1867 to 1903 amounted to \$7,597,558, according to the Washington, D. C., Star.

Good Oyster State.

Connecticut rather leads the New England states in the matter of oysters, according to federal statistics. The state had, a year back, 83,334 acres of oyster bottoms with 27,271 acres of cultivation.

Flounders More Plentiful

Flounders are reported as being more plentiful now off the shore of Long Island than they have been in years. Every boat brings in a fine fare.

Good Load of Halibut.

With 280,000 pounds of fresh and frozen halibut on board, the steamer Northland arrived last week at Vancouver, B. C.

WILL KILL FISH PACT.

Canada Threatens This Fate to the International Boundary Waters Treaty.

Unless Congress bestirs itself at the present session the Canadian government will withdraw from the International fisheries treaty, according to a statement made by Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of Marine and Fisheries. The Canadian government is disgruntled over the failure of the United States to pass the concurrent legislation which it undertook to pass when it entered into the agreement, which legislation was to put into effect the regulations agreed upon in the treaty.

A report on the subject has been made to the minister by William A. Found, an officer of the department. In February, 1910, President Taft submitted the regulations to Congress in order that proper action might be taken. "Right there," says Mr. Found's report to the minister "the difficulties began as it transpired that United States fishermen who felt themselves detrimentally affected by the regulations were to have their desires pressed by their representatives. The session of Congress ended without the regulations being approved.

"When, in 1911, the regulations were again submitted to Congress, the Senate finally approved the regulations with the exception of numbers 45 to 60 inclusive and 62 to 65 inclusive, but as these are the regulations applying to the Great Lakes and the Pacific coast they are the most important, and with their exclusion we would be no better off than before.

"The regulations thus curtailed were forwarded to the House of Representatives and they were not dealt with when the House prorogued and the undersigned is not aware that up to the present anything has been done in the matter during the current session.

"The regulations prepared by the commissions are not up to the standard of the existing Canadian regulations, though above those of the boundary states. For one thing, they make no provision for a closed season in the Great Lakes.

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New Fish Concern.

The Roseway Fish Co., of Shelburne, N. S., has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$20,000, divided into shares of \$10 each. The concern will have a cold storage plant, smoke houses, a line of steamers and engage in warehousing and general ship broking. The directors are: Amos Pentz, James R. Bower, Capt. John Hipson, William Hipson and Dr. L. O. Fuller.

Fitting For Shacking Trips.

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, has hauled out of the haddock fishery and will now fit for shacking. He will go to the Magdalen Islands for bait and fish in the vicinity of Cape North and St. Paul's Island.

Capt. Jeffery Thomas of sch. Cynthia is also fitting out for a similar trip.

Setting Out Trout Fry.

The Fish and Game Commission of Massachusetts is getting ready to send out brook trout fry for planting purposes.

New Craft Towed to Boston.

The new sch. Mary, which has been fitting at this port, was towed to Boston yesterday afternoon by tug Nellie.

Good Haddocking Stock.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, on his last trip of nine days, stocked \$1740, while the crew shared \$41.39 each.

Will Fit for Seining.

Sch. Electric Flash is fitting for seining under command of Capt. William Bissert.

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FOUND MACKEREL IN COD'S STOMACH

A rather unusual find was made by those of the crew of sch. Juno recently, while dressing her fish on Georges, two mackerel being taken from a codfish's stomach. The mackerel showed signs of life and evidently had been swallowed by the cod only a short time before.

Mackerel On the Pacific.

For the first time in many months there was a run of American mackerel off Redondo Beach, Cal., about two weeks ago. For a few days the fish were plentiful and found a ready sale. The run stopped as suddenly as it began, and the fish disappeared.

Good Supply Southern Alewives.

Fresh alewives are in better supply from the South and prices are lower, says the Fishing Gazette. The demand for this kind of fish is not so good as usual this spring for some unknown reason. The demand from the dealers is not so large as usual.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Tattler arrived at Shelburne, N. S., Saturday last and cleared for fishing.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie was also at Liverpool, N. S., last Saturday.

Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Selma sold to the American Halibut Company this forenoon at 16 cents a pound for white and 13½ cents a pound for gray.

Codfish Run Looked For.

Codfish were found off the Choler Banks last week, and fishermen from Long Island and the New York city fleet expect to strike a big run at any time.

Good Haul.

In one haul in the cove at Sag Harbor, L. I., Capt. Tom Brewer took 1,700 pounds of tom cod last week.

Seines Are Barred.

Seining in the harbor of Salem is now prohibited.

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SCH. SPECULATOR HAS GOOD TRIP.

OTHER ARRIVALS AT T WHARF THIS MORNING WERE FIVE MARKET BOATS.

Fish receipts at Boston this morning were rather light after the monster fares landed yesterday, just an even half dozen arrivals being reported at the dock at the opening hour.

Sch. Speculator, the only off shore craft, arrived yesterday afternoon from Georges with about 30,000 pounds of mixed fish, chiefly haddock and cod and about 3000 pounds of halibut.

Of the shore boats, sch. Tecumseh landed 26,000 weight, while the others ranged from 1000 pounds up to 5000 pounds.

Off shore haddock sold at \$1.80 to \$2.50 a hundred. Large cod was quoted at \$3.75 right through and market fish, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Hake brought \$2.25 and pollock, \$3.50 to \$4 a hundred pounds.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Speculator, 70,000 haddock, 65,000 cod, 1000 pollock, 3000 halibut.

Sch. Dixie, 4000 cod. Sch. Marion, 1000 cod. Sch. Pearl, 2500 cod.

Sch. Tecumseh, 24,000 haddock, 2300 cod. Sch. Little Fannie, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.80 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.75; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$2.25; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4.

Use Telescope On Herring.

Norwegian fishermen use a water telescope to ascertain the position of the herring shoals. This is the way to make the water telescope: Take a tube of tin and funnel shaped about three and a half feet long and 10 inches in diameter at the largest end. It should be wide enough at the top to take in the observer's eyes, and the inside should be painted black. At the bottom, or wide end, a clear, thick piece of glass must be inserted, with a little lead in the form of a ring to weight the tube. When the instrument is immersed in clear water it is astonishing how many fathoms down the observer can see.

To Increase Output.

G. Bretagne, manager of the Union Fish Co.'s plant at San Diego, Cal., hopes to quadruple the output of the company's San Diego fishing fleet by establishing a daily steamer service between there and San Pedro, where fast distributing facilities to different parts of California are being established. At present the halibut and other fish sent from there are shipped either by freight or by steamers, leaving there twice a week.

The Herring Situation.

Little interest is being shown these days in herring—either of foreign or domestic pack, says the Fishing Gazette. The season is late, and the demand has fallen off until prices are simply nominal in most cases. There is some stock left, but seems to be not wanted at any price, for sales have been mighty scarce in the last week, dwindling until it was all but nil at the end of the week.

To Probe Fish Trust.

The Merchants' Exchange of Oakland, Cal., after having had a conference with Assistant District Attorney Brennan of San Francisco, in regard to the alleged fish trust existing in the latter place, has decided to take up the matter with the Federal authorities through United States Senator Perkins and Congressman Knowland.

Steam Trawler at Shanghai.

Some time ago it was proposed to introduce steam trawling into northern China waters for supplying the Shanghai market. The proposals fell through, but now a steam trawler has arrived for Bradley & Co. It is the Hoi-fung, which for some time past has been trawling out of Hongkong, and will now permanently work out of Shanghai.

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New Schooner Measured.

The new sch. Leonora Silveria, recently launched at the yard of Arthur D. Story, Essex, and towed around to this port, measures 92.6 feet long, 23.4 feet beam and 11 feet deep. Her gross tonnage is 106.29 and her net tonnage, 63.49.

Big Day's Catch.

In one day's haul Japanese fishermen took 17,000 yellow tail fish near Los Angeles. This is the largest single day's catch ever recorded. In the catch were a number of deep sea fish that were found to be totally blind.

Fitting for Pollock Seining.

Sch. Thomas Brundage is fitting for pollock seining under command of Capt. Jerry Goodwin.

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Pensacola Fish Notes.

Twelve smacks made port during last week, eight of the Saunders' fleet and four for the Warren Fish company. The total amount of the fares was 366,490 pounds—259,670 pounds of red snapper and 106,820 pounds of grouper. The Saunders' smacks had 187,515 pounds of red snapper and 84,440 pounds of grouper, while the Warren Fish company's smacks had 72,155 pounds of red snapper and 22,380 pounds of grouper. For the first time in months, Saunders' smacks unloaded on Sunday. It was the Dorothy, with over 35,000 pounds of red snapper and nearly 6,000 pounds of grouper. The entire catch was unloaded, prepared and shipped to interior points during the day. It was a great fish week.

The first catch of mackerel to be taken at Eagle Pass, Fla., the one-time famous mackerel fishing point, was made April 1 by Capt. Fred Williams. He arrived at Pensacola the following morning with 4,000 pounds, the Warren Fish company handling the catch. Daily heavy hauls are now expected from that point.

Says Fish Have Passions.

Dr. Francis Ward, the eminent English fish authority, believes fish have passions the same as human beings. At any rate, he was recently quoted in the London "Daily Mail" as follows: "Fish are liable to the same passions as you and I, and they fight and love as we do. I can show you a photograph of a rainbow trout in what would have been a fight to the death if I had not interfered. In a pond were a big female trout and her partner, who resented the intrusion of another trout. Suddenly one fish charged the other and seized him by the jaw. He shook his opponent as a dog shakes a rat and kept on until his enemy floated to the top. Then I took the fish out and revived it with a little weak whiskey and water."

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POLLOCK FARE TAKEN TO BOSTON

SIXTY BARRELS SEINED BY GAS-
OLINER NETA OFF ISLES
OF SHOALS.

The only off shore arrival here this morning is sch. Margaret from Quero with 10,000 pounds of salt cod and 3000 pounds of halibut.

The little gasoliner Neta brought in 60 barrels of small pollock, which were seined off the Isles of Shoals, but during the morning steamed for Boston, where the captain will dispose of his fish.

Four of yesterday's arrivals are down from Boston with part of their fares. They are schs. Arethusa, 80,000 pounds fresh fish; Gov. Foss, 100,000 pounds fresh fish; Moonam, 25,000 pounds fresh fish; Conqueror, 60,000 pounds fresh fish.

The landings of the gill netting fleet was rising 75,000 pounds yesterday, four of the fleet remaining inside.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Arethusa, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Gov. Foss, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mindora, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Neta, pollock seining, 60 bbls. small pollock.

Sch. Margaret, Quero Bank, 10,000 lbs. salt fish, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Conqueror, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Moonam, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Georgiana, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Mina Swm, drift fishing.

Sch. Elector, dory handlining.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.25.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.50 per cwt., medium, \$4, snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4, mediums, \$3.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 80c per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$1.85; medium, \$1.65; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.10; mediums, \$1.75, snappers 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.

Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 70c.

Bank halibut, 15c per lb., for white and 11 1-4c for gray.

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Cold Weather Delays Shad.

New Jersey fishermen say the shad run is being delayed by the cold water pouring into the ocean from the rivers, the low temperature being due to melting snow and floating ice.

Was Rigged At This Port.

The new sch. Mary and Ellen, recently launched at Essex, will sail for Boston probably today, having had her spars stepped and rigged at this port.

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THE SKIPPERS OF MARBLEHEAD.

EIGHTEEN NOW LIVING OF THE
OLD TIMERS WHO WENT GRAND
BANKING.

Of the great number of Grand Bank skippers who formerly sailed out of Marblehead, 18 are now living. All but five are regular residents of this town, says the Marblehead Messenger. Most of them are in good health, and take much interest in town affairs. Many an interesting story of experiences on the Grand Banks is told by some of them. Following are the names of those now living: The oldest is Capt. John Spinney, who is 90, and at present at the Odd Fellows' Home in Worcester; Capt. Richard Ireson, 81; Capt. Samuel Harris, 84, and Capt. Francis G. Ramsdell, 82; who reside in town. The youngest skipper is Capt. Dexter Craig, 65 years of age, now a resident of Plymouth. The remaining skippers' ages range from 69 to 76. They are as follows: Capt. William A. Brown, at present in Florida. Cpts. William B. Symonds, Charles H. Snelling, John Kirk, William Frost, Joseph F. Curtis, William H. Quiner, Thomas Loham, Richard C. Hiller, John H. L. Giles, Josiah N. Green, Thomas Peach of Beverly and Samuel T. Humphrey of Roxbury.

Portland Fish Notes.

Not for a long time have the arrivals of market fish at Portland been so scarce as at the present time, the dealers depending almost entirely for their supply on the boat fishermen. Only two or three vessels of the local fleet are now engaged in shore fishing, the majority having hauled off for various reasons. Some of the skippers have become discouraged at their poor success of late and given up in disgust, but the majority are laid up for the usual spring cleaning and painting, while others are changing their rig to fit for other kinds of fishing. The schooner Eva and Mildred came off the marine railway Monday where she has been undergoing repairs, and after overhauling her engine at Central wharf will proceed to Harpswell, where she will remain until the last of May, when she will start out swordfishing in command of Bert Lubee.

Capt. Al. Turner is now fitting the sch. Fannie Hayden for a shacking trip.

Sch. Angie B. Watson has sailed for Western banks after halibut and is thus the first of the Portland fleet to get away after the flat fish.

A number of the pollock catchers were out Tuesday but no fares were reported up to nightfall.

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Sailed Dory Handlining.

Sch. Elector, Capt. Daniel A. Ryder, sailed on a dory handlining trip this morning.

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ONE WEEK ON A HALIBUT TRIP.

The Halifax Chronicle says:

"To secure 23,000 pounds of fresh halibut in a week and receive the neat sum of \$2,000 in cash for the same seems a big feat for the captain and crew of a fishing schooner, but such has been the good fortune of Capt. Hubley, of St. Margaret's Bay, commander of the little fishing sch. Ella May which arrived in Tuesday morning from the banks. The catch is a record one in so far as it applies to Halifax being the largest fare of halibut ever brought to this port. Previous to this large catch the record was 22,000 pounds, also held by Captain Hubley, made last season. This latest big catch, as well as last year's was bought by the Halifax Cold Storage Co. What makes the catch seem the more remarkable is the fact that the Ella May had only been out one week. Fine weather prevailed all the time and everything ran along very smoothly during the entire trip."

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REPORT THINGS LOOKING BRIGHT.

Anti-Beam Trawl Commit-
tees Met Together in
Boston.

An important meeting of the local anti-beam trawling committee and the Boston committee was held at Long wharf yesterday afternoon, and matters discussed pertaining to cause, which will be presented at the hearing in Washington, thoroughly discussed.

Those attending from here were Cpts. Henry M. Atwood chairman of the local committee; Carl C. Young, Joshua W. Stanley, John W. McFarland, Secretary Richard W. Freeman and J. J. Manuel Marshall.

The committees were in session several hours and the afternoon's confer-

ence was a very pleasant one and much progress made. The report of the Gloucester delegates who recently went to Washington was enthusiastically received while Capt. George Grueby, one of the representatives of the Boston committee who has just returned from abroad after making an extended study of beam trawling in the North Sea had some interesting data to present.

All in all affairs were considered exceedingly bright and strong outside influence and support promised. J. Manuel Marshal of this city a member of the local committee was chosen to prepare data and other evidence for getting the petitioner's case in shape for the coming hearing.

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TRADE DULL, PRICES DOWN.

EIGHTEEN TRIPS LARGE AND
SMALL AT T WHARF
TODAY.

Just an even dozen and a half arrivals were reported at T wharf this morning, four being from off-shore and the others from the shore.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer has the largest fare of the day, her haul being for 120,000 pounds, mostly haddock and cod. Sch. Mary C. Santos has 37,000 pounds, sch. Matchless 43,000 pounds, sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 30,000 pounds, sch. Virginia 61,000 pounds and the steam trawler Crest 19,000 pounds.

Of the shore boats, the landings ranged from 400 pounds to 19,000 pounds each.

Trade was dull and prices were way down. Wholesale prices on haddock were 90 cents to \$1.75 a hundred weight, large cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.50, hake, \$1.25 to \$2.75 and pollock, \$3 to \$3.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are: Sch. Mary C. Santos, 36,000 haddock, 1700 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1400 cod.

Sch. Marion, 400 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 1500 cod.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 70,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.

Str. Crest, 17,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Albert W. Black, 13,000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 40,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 6500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. W. M. Goodpseed, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. James and Esther, 2500 haddock, 4500 cod, 5000 hake 1500 cusk.

Sch. Magnolia, 400 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 26,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 2000 cod, 8000 hake, 9000 cusk.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 2200 cod.

Sch. Jessie P., 1200 cod.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 25,000 haddock, 5500 cod.

Sch. Virginia, 2000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 35,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

STILL GETTING GOOD BIG LIFTS.

GILL NETTING FLEET TOUCHED
100,000 POUND MARK AGAIN
YESTERDAY.

The gill netting crafts still continue to do well and landed about 100,000 pounds yesterday, mostly haddock, all of the finest quality.

The fleet are fishing in the vicinity of Thatcher's and Middle Bank and haddock has been reported in abundant quantities there during the past two weeks. The best lift yesterday was made by steamers Venture and Naomi Bruce which brought in 14,000 weight each. Steamer Margaret D. had a good trip, boxing up 12,000 weight, while the Rough Rider had 10,000 pounds and the Nomad, 9000 pounds.

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Sch. Corsair, Georges handlining.

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